met on priority and coal company-wise targets have been fixed which are being regularly monitored.

Pending Thermal Power Projects of West Bengal

1005. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have received any proposal from Government of West Bengal to set up Balagarh and Sagardighi thermal power projects;

(b) if so, what decision has been taken thereon; and

(c) what is the authority that is going to fund these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) Yes, Sir. The West Bengal Power Development Corporation Limited (WBPDCL) had submitted in February, 1991 the project reports for setting up Murshidabad (Sagardighi) Thermal Power Project (4x500 MW) and Balagarh Thermal Power Project (3x250 MW) respectively.

(b) and (c) the project report are under examination in the Central Electricity Authority.

Supply of Coal to Industry

1006. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of Coal be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Limited has not made any allocation of coal to industry for a period of over a month which has severely hit the industry as reported in the "Indian Express" of the 11th July, 1991;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether Government propose to inquire into the matter in depth; and

(d) if so, by when adequate quantum of coal will be supplied to the industrial sector?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S. B. NYAMAGOUDAR): (a) No, Sir. According to Coal India Limited they supplied 2.77 million tonnes of coal to industries other than steel, cement and fertilizers during June, 1991.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Coal India Ltd. have been continuously making efforts to improve production and railway loading to provide adequate supply of coal to consumers. However due to transport bottlenecks it is not always possible to reach coal to the consumers even when adequate coal is available at the pitheads with the coal companies.

पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में वायुदूत की सेवायें

1007. **श्रीमती सुषमा स्वराज :** क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि पूर्वोत्तर क्षेत्र में वायुदूत की सेवाएं बहुत अनियमित हैं;

(ख) क्या यह भी सच है कि वायुदूत द्वारा न तो उडानों के दौरान और न ही उडानों में विलंब होने पर, इसके यात्रियों को कोई अल्पाहार आदि उपलब्ध कराया जाता है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार इन सेवाओं को बेहतर बनाने के लिए क्या कदम उठाने का विचार रखती है ;

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री माधव राव सिंधिया) : (क) उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र में वायुदूत की सेवाएं खराब मौसम और तकनीकी खराबियों के कारण कुछ-कुछ अनियमित सी रही हैं ।

(ख) और (ग) उत्तर पूर्वी क्षेत्र में परिचालन के लिए विमानों की उपलब्धता में सुधार करने के लिए कदम उठाये गये हैं । जहां तक अल्पाहार दिये जाने का